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BUT WILL THE EURO-COURT ALLOW IT?

by NOEL HUNT

SOME time ago it was suggested that the electronic "tagging" of offenders be introduced in Britain. The proposal led to a certain amount of discussion. Predictably, the Civil Liberties industry and the very numerous groups dedicated to weakening the power of the State vis-a-vis the individual all voiced loud opposition. If adopted, tagging might prove a useful weapon in the State armoury.

The Probation Service would be charged with supervising "tagged" offenders. Nobody will be surprised to hear that the Service is opposed to the suggestion. It is perhaps not unfair to say that its attitude has always been the humanistic one that if laws are frequently broken then they should be repealed. Although they would hotly deny it, to these gentle souls there are no bad people, only bad laws. In their topsy-turvy world, widely accepted by the great and the good, Society is always to blame, never the individual.

Tories And Tagging

The suggestion has not been dropped. The Conservative Party are apparently in favour of "tagging" and it is said that a Bill may be introduced to allow it. The impression is given that if Parliament agrees then "tagging" will become law and be enforced throughout Britain. In fact, this is very far from being the case. Parliament may make all the laws it likes permitting "tagging" and the Courts may be prepared to enforce the new law. But unless the law made at Westminster is in line with the law of the "European Community" as laid down by the European Court, it cannot and will not be enforced. The Euro-judges might well over-rule and declare invalid the law passed by our legislators. It has already done so in many cases.

So the real question for decision is not whether the British electorate, the British Courts or the British Parliament approve of "tagging", but rather whether the European Court will give its blessing to the proposal. What we really need to know is whether the Euro-Court has been consulted about the proposal, whether it has expressed an opinion, and if so what the opinion was. If it is not in favour of "tagging", then it is idle to pass laws here permitting it. They will simply be over-ruled and will thus be legally unenforceable. Instead of wasting time urging the Home Secretary to press on with plans for "tagging", then wasting still more time trying to persuade the electorate to support the measure, Conservatives should be pressing Mr Hurd to say whether or not he has discussed the proposal with the European Court. He should also be prepared to say what the reaction of the Court was. On past performance, it is unlikely "tagging" will be approved. The Court has very seldom indeed supported any measure which strengthened the authority of the State.

The reason that the English are no longer masters in their own country is to be found in the Treaty of Rome and the Single European Act. As a result of Britain's adherence to the "European Community" and her signature of the Treaty, "Community Law" takes precedence over the laws of England.

Take this example: The impression is sedulously given that, if the electorate would but agree, through their Parliamentary representatives, the overwhelming public desire to see the death penalty and corporal punishment back on the statute book could be met. In fact, this is completely untrue. "Community Law" knows of no death penalty, nor will it approve of corporal punishment. Thus, if every voter in Britain voted once a year at a series of referenda unanimously supporting the return of the death penalty it would avail nothing. Britons must resign themselves to the fact that as long as they remain part of the E.C. no murderer will ever hang in Britain.

An equally misleading impression is being given in the matter of dealing with terrorism. It has been suggested on several occasions that an effective method might be to bring back the ancient penalty of outlawry. The power to declare named persons terrorists and thus outlaws, to deprive them of all their civil rights and so on, would give the authorities a powerful weapon. Once again, we are led to believe that if the electorate wish it such a law could be passed by our Parliament and enforced by our Courts. The harsh truth is that such a law, if passed, could be used only with the approval of the European Court - and as pointed out above, the Court is not renowned for strengthening the power of the Nation State whenever it is opposed to the potential power of a World State. So what we need to know is whether the "Community Law" will allow of the penalty of outlawry. Until we have an answer, it is futile trying to persuade voters to support the measure.

Poser For The Politicians

Why has no politician told the public that Her Majesty's Courts no longer determine the law in Britain? Why have we not been told that Parliament may make what laws it likes but that unless they are in line with "Community Law" they will be without effect? This is indeed a fascinating question. It should be asked of every politician, of every political pundit at every opportunity. Is there any escape from this alien tyranny? Britons can only escape it by ceasing to be part of the "European Community". The idea that there can be any real "community" among such widely disparate peoples as those of Europe is, of course, a figment of the liberal imagination. But if we wish to control our fate, then the country must repudiate the Treaty of Rome, and all other legal commitments tieing us to Brussels.

The most worthwhile battle to be won in Britain today is that to get us out of Europe. Every day brings yet another ruling by the Eurocrats, constraining us still further in our own country. Most of the non-events so skilfully deployed before us by the politicians and the media have only one purpose: to distract our attention from what is happening as the chains binding us become ever stronger. Once out of Europe and again free to act as our own interests dictate, many of our problems will be seen to solve themselves. We must bend all our efforts now to shaking this country free of the slavery of the E.C. If not, we and the generations that follow us will need very thick hides indeed.

CONFIRMATION IN THE DAILY TELEGRAPH (27/10/88) THAT THE EUROPEAN COURT TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER NATIONAL LAWS

Ireland ordered to repeal laws on homosexuality

By Chris Ryder, Irish Correspondent

THE IRISH REPUBLIC was ordered yesterday to step into line with the rest of Europe and repeal its legislation outlawing homosexuality. The decision by the European Court of Human Rights was hailed as "an historic victory" by Senator David Norris, founder of the Irish Gay Rights Movement.

Homosexuality is illegal in the Irish Republic under laws dating back to the 1860s and, theoretically, still allows for a maximum penalty of life imprisonment for buggery.

Senator Norris began his 14-year campaign against the Irish laws on homosexuality on the grounds that the act breached his constitutional right to privacy.

In April, 1983, by a majority of three to two, the Irish Supreme Court rejected Senator Norris's case on the grounds that homosexuality had been condemned in Christian teaching, and that the Irish constitution should be consistent with Christianity.

Neither side reached agreement during the conciliation stage of the European proceedings, and a full hearing took place last April.

The Irish Government argued that Senator Norris was not a victim of the laws, because no action was taken against homosexuals. They also defended their right to legislate on private morality within the state.

The European Court has now rejected the Irish case, and it becomes mandatory for the government to amend its laws.

Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish Foreign Minister told the Irish parliament yesterday that the government was considering the position.

However, the Gay Rights Movement will be pressing the Government to abolish the legislation, not amend it. "Otherwise it leaves an aura of criminality," said Senator Norris. "We want it removed from the statute book.

"This is an historic announcement, and I am relieved that the battle of 14 years is over. It is like the decision to grant Catholic emancipation in the last century. It gives people a certain measure of dignity," he said.

Attitudes to homosexuals in Ireland have become more liberal over recent years. Guidelines issued by the Civil Service, for instance, dictate that there should be no discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation.

The judgment itself has drawn a muted response. Most political parties cautiously welcomed it, and the powerful Catholic Church simply said that it would be "studying the full judgment, before giving a considered reaction".

The issue will not reach the levels of national controversy surrounding abortion and divorce, where referenda to amend the constitution were necessary to determine the public attitude to legislation.

In this case, the government can do what it decides without reference to the public.

The Family Solidarity Movement was one of the few dissenting voices raised yesterday. "We think there is an obvious conflict with the Supreme Court judgment, when it was said that homosexual activity was contrary to the Christian ethos of our constitution. We would think public affirmation of its legality is not desirable," the spokesman said.

HAD CHANDLER READ CHESTERTON?

"AS you know, I have always wondered why intelligent men occasionally become Communists, but it had never occurred to me before that the basic philosophy underlying big business and that underlying the Communist state were almost exactly the same. The only difference I can see is that in Russia when you begin to slip a little they either shoot you or send you to a forced labour camp, whereas in the United States they ask for your resignation or else force you to give it without being asked by humiliating you beyond endurance."

- **Raymond Chandler Speaking,** Dorothy Gardiner & Kathrine Walker (eds.)

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RESISTING THE HURD INSTINCT

ALMOST unbelievably, Home Secretary Douglas Hurd's response to the mounting crime rate is to leave as many criminals as possible free to prey on the community. His strategy is double-pronged. Firstly, the weakling is encouraging magistrates to use prison only as a last resort, preferring 'punishment in the community', that is, no punishment at all. Even if a few people are actually sent to prison on conviction, they are usually transferred quickly to a soft billet at a (quite literally) open prison, such as that at Ford in Sussex, where 96 men absconded last year, including a violent inmate who had committed 46 offences while in gaol, and a terrorist from Ulster, who had been raising funds for the republican cause by the time-honoured Fenian method of armed robbery.

Our wretched bleeding heart of a Home Secretary has evidently decided that punishing criminals is too nasty a task for him to contemplate, and should resign, since he has already effectively abdicated authority. Unfortunately, he will cling on to office (about the only thing most politicians, with all their talk of 'caring', do care about) and prescribe liberal nostrums that might have been acceptable to students in the Sociology Department of the University of Sussex in 1968, but are utterly divorced from reality. The latest drivel to spew from Hurd's mouth is a re-assertion in July of his claim that better parenthood is the way to beat crime! A stern fatherly talk, perhaps, for the Rasta who tried to cut off a policeman's head with a Samurai sword? Since Father's Day is proverbially the most confusing day of the year in some areas of London and our other inner cities, problems of identification might make a paternal ticking off rather difficult to arrange! [Even if permitted by our "European" masters! - Ed.]

I'm Alright, Douglas!

On a more serious note, Hurd's advocacy of quack remedies is symptomatic of the Government's complete abdication of its responsibility for the maintenance of law and order. The Government is now trying to 'pass the buck' to the population as a whole, while at the same time people who defend themselves with swordsticks against muggers on the tube are arrested and threatened with imprisonment by a police force and a judiciary that are quite incapable of themselves protecting the law-abiding majority against the criminal minority. Hurd's latest excess is to make illegal any weapon that a man or woman might carry for the purposes of self-defence against muggers and rapists. C.S. gas aerosol sprays, commonly used in France and the U.S.A. as anti-mugging devices, are now illegal under the Nanny Hurd terror, and the new and curiously misnamed Criminal Justice Bill will make it an offence so much as to possess any one of a whole range of defensive weapons. Hurd and his family are of course protected in their fortress-like luxury homes by a 24-hour heavily armed guard of machine-gun toting Special Branch men, so he personally has nothing to worry about!

Hurd is clearly either too stupid, or too wilfully blind, to realise that his unenforceable new laws will do nothing to prevent criminals from carrying knives, or revolvers, for that matter. Criminals are by definition people who disobey the Law! The only effect of Nanny Hurd's stupid meddling will be to take from potential victims their means of defending themselves, their families and their homes.

A refusal to discharge the basic duty of the state to its citizens is common to both the 'One Nation' left of the Conservative Party, of whom Hurd is a good example, and the demented libertarian right, who would quite happily privatise the police and the judiciary, such is the extent of their madness! Readers who were present at the A.G.M. of the London Swinton Circle will know what we mean. They had the opportunity to hear the loopy remarks of Mrs. T. Gorman M.P., who appears sincerely to believe that the only function of the state is to provide a framework in which free enterprise will flourish. Thatcherite prosperity will, Mrs. Gorman assured us, thereafter promptly solve all social problems! This is a manifest nonsense - it is blatantly obvious that the richer you are, the more attractive a target for robbery you present. Gorman's absurd conclusion is the consequence of applying an economic theory to the social and political spheres, to which Adam Smith never for one moment intended that it should be applied. To say that because the centrally planned economy is largely inferior to the market economy, the state equally has no social role to play, and that some kind of spontaneous social order will arise in the absence of state action, is not only an egregious non sequitur, but also a recipe for anarchy, a condition in which life is nasty, brutish and short.

Not So Noble Savages

The libertarian view that, in the absence of state action, a spontaneous social order will arise, is clearly derived from Rousseau's concept of the 'noble savage'. The idea that human beings in a state of nature are gentle, kindly, and well adjusted is attractive. Unfortunately, it is utterly incompatible with all anthropological data. The only exception, the work of Margaret Mead in Samoa, has been conclusively discredited. Man in his natural state is violent, selfish and cruel, and only the constant vigilance of a civilised and civilising elite can prevent a relapse into barbarism, where the only law is the law of the jungle. Ruthlessness in the pursuit of order is no vice, as every civilising force in Europe from Draco to Queen Victoria's judges has recognised. That is a lesson that we clearly have to learn anew, and fast.

It is ultimately the state's responsibility to enforce laws made by the legislature on behalf of the whole community. It is not possible to tolerate a plurality of moral codes in the same society, and those who deviate from the accepted code of behaviour and right conduct that we call Law must be punished. Individuals cannot be given the freedom each to make their own moral judgements with impunity. What if a man thinks it right to rape, or rob, or murder? Nor is it acceptable to say that citizens must defend themselves as best they can against criminals. This attitude leaves the frail old lady face to face with the brutal thug. Society is collectively responsible for enforcing the collective [No! Christian - Ed.] moral code, and the agencies of the state, the representatives of society, are charged with this task.

In the last analysis, the buck stops with the Home Secretary, who is responsible for the maintenance of law and order, and with the Prime Minister, who appoints the Home Secretary [and the Monarch who consents to the enactments - Ed.]. If law and order are breaking down, these three must answer for their bad stewardship. They are the servants of the British people, not our masters.

[With acknowledgement to **Round Robin**, P.O. Box 850, London W14 8EN.]

HOW CHURCHES FINANCE RIOTS

by BERNARD SMITH

MATTHEW Arnold said that nations get the newspapers they deserve; churches likewise, which is why I haven't read a church newspaper for five years. But someone showed me the front page of an October issue of the **Church Times** announcing the latest batch of grants by the World Council of Churches. £4,200 goes to the Broadwater Farm Defence Campaign which, says the WCC, "was born out of the uprising which took place as a result of the racist attacks on the community" of the Broadwater Farm Estate in Tottenham. The "uprising" was in fact the Tottenham riot in October 1985 in which PC Keith Blakelock was hacked to death. The following are eyewitness accounts by Blakelock's colleagues:

"Youths came towards us with staves and a primitive form of flame-thrower...I saw a group of 30 or 50 people in a circle around something on the ground. I now know it was Keith Blakelock. They were stabbing and shouting 'kill, kill, kill'. A spike went through my helmet and I was knocked to the ground...I saw Blakelock on the ground being stabbed, kicked and punched. His body was lifeless and it moved like a rag doll when it was kicked. The man with the machete attacked the body. There was a youth with a long piece of drain pipe hitting the body with it."

That was some of the evidence at the Old Bailey trial of Winston Silcott - the man with the machete and leader of the black mob which hacked Blakelock to pieces. "You are both a very evil and a very dangerous man," said the judge giving him a life sentence for murder.

"Victims of Racism"!

The WCC grant has been made to further the work of the Broadwater Farm Defence Committee. But what does it do? "Families of those involved in the uprising, charged and convicted, receive support," says the WCC. "A major area of concern is to provide legal defence to the Tottenham youth, most of whom are black and have difficulties in defending themselves against racial prejudice in the courts." What in plain words the WCC is saying is that those who collaborated with Winston Silcott in that night of terror and murder and were brought to trial and convicted by a jury were in fact the victims of a racist society. And if the "uprising" was the result of "racist attacks on the community" it must be the police who, in the WCC's judgement, are the attackers.

You will not have forgotten Bernie Grant, black leader of Haringey Council. After the riot he achieved instant infamy by saying the police had got "a bloody good hiding". He set up an enquiry into the riot presided over by lefty Lord Gifford. It was a bit of a pantomime. The BFDC's chief witness at this enquiry was one Stafford Scott who, like the WCC, blamed the riot on the police. Some months later he told a public meeting "we are not sorry" for PC Blakelock's death; it was necessary, he said, because we live in a racist society. Bernie's enquiry concluded by blaming the riot on "insensitive and racist policing".

All this is the familiar language of Marxist class war leading, as it is intended, to confrontation and violence on the streets. And if it

can stir up black people to see the police as their enemies, so much the better. Are we surprised that the WCC is actively promoting all this? We shouldn't be: it's been going on for years. I still have a few copies of **Revolution and the British Churches**, which I published in 1978, documenting the British Council of Churches' encouragement of the hate-the-police-get-the-mobs-on-the-street ideology.* And note that it was the BCC's Community and Race Relations Unit, led by Methodist Revd David Haslam, that recommended this group at Tottenham for a WCC grant.

* Available from the author at 30 Clifton Road, Worthing, Sussex, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

COMMUTERS TO PAY THE PRICE FOR THATCHERISM

SIR — As most long-distance commuters are doubtless staunch Thatcherites, they are in no position to squeal over British Rail's plan to double the cost of their season ticket (report, Aug. 17).

BR's Inter-City sector no longer has any subsidy (unlike any other European railway) and is obliged to act as a commercial enterprise, regardless of wider social consequences. It must therefore maximise its profits by charging what the market will bear. Long-distance season ticket holders have hitherto been privileged to travel at a cost per mile far below either short-distance season ticket holders or ordinary full-fare passengers. The logic of Thatcherite market-place economics demands this must come to an end.

The proposed increases must also be seen — as your Transport correspondent, John Petty, observed — as part of the process of preparing British Rail for privatisation, fattening it up to provide a "Sid-type" bonanza for stockmarket speculators. It is a repeat of the cynical scandal we are now seeing over electricity prices with Cecil Parkinson compelling the state-owned board to increase charges far above the rate of inflation or what the board want — and with, as the CBI pointed out, most serious consequences for industrial costs as well as the domestic consumer. Water charges are going the same way. It is an appalling price for the nation to have to pay for our political ideology.

What privatisation is creating are ruthless, greedy monopolies, answerable to no one. The spectacle last week of Sir Denis Rooke wielding millions of proxy votes — like a trade union boss at a Labour Party conference — to crush the attempt to elect a small shareholders' representative on to the Gas Board exposed the myth of the "share-owning democracy".

It is equally useless for Thatcherites to complain about the rape of our town and countryside by land speculators as Nicholas Ridley ruthlessly overrides the views of democratically-elected local authorities (often Conservative), and his own planning appeal inspectors, on the grounds that, as he put it to me when I protested about one particularly outrageous decision, "market forces must operate".

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[with acknowledgement to **The Daily Telegraph**]

HOW right this correspondent was to complain of the racket that 'privatisation' has become. What the policy amounts to is handing over the organisation of the nation's gas or its water or its electricity from one state-owned monopoly to another privately-owned 'free enterprise' one. Mrs Thatcher and her compliant Chancellor call it "making savings" and "creating wealth". In actual fact, the nation's resources are up for grabs by a collection of sharks and City wide-boys who already wallow in untold wealth. One small example concerns the sale of the Rover car group for only £150 million, with the Government (that is, the taxpayer) injecting £800 million into the company to pay off bank debts and writing off a further £1.1 billion in accumulated tax debts. No wonder **The Times** headlined its report: "City is astounded by 'dream' sale terms"! Big Business will be laughing all the way to the bank vaults, while Mr and Mrs England will be the loser as Margaret Thatcher starves the health service of money in order to finance and bolster further privatisation deals at give-away prices. Creating wealth? It's no more than asset-stripping and rapacious speculation.

SHIFTING SANDS

What is now ARCH-CONSERVATIVE used to be considered CONSERVATIVE.
What is now CONSERVATIVE used to be considered MODERATE.
What is now MODERATE used to be considered LIBERAL.
What is now LIBERAL used to be considered CRIMINAL!

THE LONG ARM OF CROOKED LAW

[From **The Patriot**, 76 Constitution Street, Edinburgh. Sample copy 35p.]

The World Conservation Bank, now coming into being, will be the largest bank ever created - and it all started with a Scot, way back before the Union of the Parliaments. In the last years of the 17th century, John Law came up with a plan to monetise land. According to the American magazine *Moneychanger*, "he was literally laughed out of the country for it. But this is the same crooked scheme, and moreover, it will function as a world central bank, and out of that world central bank there will grow a one-world flat currency system at the same time."

John Law was a famous financier and speculator, the son of a goldsmith, born in Edinburgh 21st April 1671. He was a great mathematician from his youth up but was also handsome and accomplished and so mixed pleasure with business. In 1694, he went into exile, having killed a man in a duel. He wandered about Italy, gambling and hatching fantastic financial schemes. He finally settled in Paris in 1714, a millionaire. There he started a highly successful private bank. His monetary vision was enthusiastically taken up by the Regent who established the Royal Bank of France in 1718 with Law as Director-General. In 1719 he floated the great bubble Mississippi Scheme and became Comptroller-General of France. Law was now one of the personages of Europe but the bubble burst within a year and he fled to Brussels. He died indigent in Venice, 21st March 1729.

But the ideas he had are surfacing again in the New International Economic Order and the EEC fits into it with its 1992 objectives. A vital part of the set-up is the World Conservation Bank which will contain trillions of dollars in capitalisation with the collateral derived from receipt of wilderness properties all over the world.

It will create currency and loans and will engage in international discounting, counter-trade, barter and swap. Masterminds include U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker III, and David Rockefeller. *The Moneychanger* interviewed 'insider' George W. Hunt, a business analyst, who attended the Fourth World Wilderness Congress in Colorado which initiated the Bank, last year.

"The London banker Baron Edmund de Rothschild was at the meeting for six days. Edmund de Rothschild was personally conducting the monetary matters and creation of this WCB in the company of I. Michael Sweatman of the Royal Bank of Canada. Those two were like Siamese twins. David Rockefeller (of Chase Manhattan Bank) gave a speech."

In Baker's keynote address, Hunt discerned code words —the equation of conservation and growth and development. He saw that a bunch of "Greenies" were being used as a cover for the real business.

"It was a contrived conference. The Findhorn Group in Loveland, Colorado, were the offical hosts. I had lunch with Michael Sweatman and Mr and Mrs Rothschild and I was able to ask them how this bank was going to continue to operate. I didn't see any earnings engine inside it. They're planning on re-financing, debt-swapping (for assets) one trillion dollars of Third World debt into this new WCB. Then the Bank will be endowed with 30% of the earth's land surface."

Governments, under the aegis of the United Nations, will give title to the lands to the first high-sounding scheme — the World Wilderness Land Inventory Trust. This will go floating into the WCB. The Denver congress gives it respectability.

"Conservationists and ecologists comprised about 60% of the people there. About 30% were government, United Nations and other bureaucrats. The other 10% were world banking heavyweights."

As the Greenies concerned themselves with the state of nature, the bankers sought means to introduce soft currencies as a prelude to hard. Soft allows for only internal use and leads to inflation. There could be a short-term relief for some nations as Hunt points out:

"There could be a gradual loan swap for Brazil, taking them out of their old loans and putting them into a new WCB loan, which will then sweeten the loan on the Chase Manhattan's balance sheet, and will take it out of non-accrual and put it back into the healthy loan column once again."

Hunt says the new era of loan collateralisation is here whereby if there is default, Brazil could lose the Amazon. Yet the position is such that Brazil could never pay off debt — hence default is inevitable, only delay is possible.

The backgroud to all this lies with the Brundtland Report, named after the Norwegian Prime Minister, though the offical title is 'Our Common Future'. Under mandate from the United Nations, she proposed unlimited enactments to take over ecology, environmental and pollution laws throughout the world. The Bank is to run in tandem with a quasi-spiritual Mother Earth movement. At the end of the caucus, without room for discussion, Baron de Rothschild summed up "You have decided. This will be a second World Marshall Plan." And down went a note on the resolution sheet: governments will guarantee debt to the WCB.

Hunt says: "The bank will be running on an accrual basis. On paper it will be recognising profits received on interest, but the interest will not be coming in because these countries cannot pay. So my hypothesis is that the kings, capitalists, and moneychangers of the world will be in back of this bank in the position of *creditors*."

In effect, a central bank will loot the whole world and transfer title for the assets of the world to these people. Hunt says the public will be encourged to 'get a World Conservation Bank loan and help your environment while you help yourself.'— "They will see very favourable loan payments, so they'll loan-swap their mortgage into the WCB. The WCB will end up owning the wealth of nations, including government and industry and the private sector, all over the world."

So the outcome will be sovereign nations pressured into renouncing their sovereignty over internal economic and monetary matters and ceding that sovereignty to some international group; with backing from "the grass-roots" of greedy individuals small-time prudent types, and dabblers in shares and property, all awash in naivety.

WE NEED TO SECURE ANOTHER MASS ABSTENTION

by ANTHONY COONEY

I WANT to urge the establishment, on a sound basis, of a new National Abstention Campaign apropos the 1989 elections for the Strasbourg Assembly. In the previous two elections for this wretched set-up, **Liverpool Newsletter** led the campaign to capitalise upon the reluctance of the British people to vote for the creatures who put themselves forward as candidates. In both cases we were successful beyond all expectations. In the 1984 circus, in spite of a huge slush fund provided for the political parties, the abstention actually rose.

As we said after that election, we were not prepared to spearhead the 1989 abstention campaign, though of course the **Liverpool Newsletter** groups throughout the country will do their stint in leafletting. There must, however, be a well-founded, nationally based and nationally led campaign if the loathing of the British people is to be effectively capitalised this time. The passing of the Single European Act and the move towards a Single Market make such a campaign imperative. Abstention is now the only action left.

Principles of Organisation

We will speak in minima. For the campaign to be convincing there must be at least one group (minimum membership one person) in every parliamentary constituency. That means organising before the end of 1988 at least 650 persons, though preferably about 2,000. Groups, of course, can be town and county based as well as constituency based. It means that a national co-ordinating centre must provide these groups with letter-heads for press releases and a supply of 'Abstain' leaflets - let us say at the rate of 1,000 leaflets per head of actual workers.

To do all this means starting now. It means that there must be co-operation between such bodies as the Anti-Common Market League and every other well founded group. [Perhaps here lies the ideal opportunity for the National Fronts and British National Party to start to heal their age-old differences and take some 'British Action' - Editor.] It means that there must be support and publicity for the Abstain Campaign during this year and the first half of next year, from every one of our several patriotic journals.

The first step is to establish a co-ordinating team. The second step will be to whip up enthusiasm among those who will actually do the work at street level. The third step is to obtain firm commitments from people willing to act as group secretaries - even if they are the only member. The fourth step is to inform such committed persons how they may recruit 'auxiliaries' - people willing to put out 100, 200 or more leaflets. The fifth step is to gather the funds for printing the leaflets and the press releases. And finally, when all this is ready, to announce to the media the launch of the National Abstention Campaign, sometime in spring 1989.

If we cannot do this - with popular opinion, and even popular apathy on our side - we can do nothing and may as well pack up. Perhaps the Anti-Common Market League will take the initiative and call a steering meeting (not a 'conference') now?

SEARCHLIGHT'S FAULTY BEAM

THE magazine known as **Searchlight** aims to keep "a broad and unerring beam" on the so-called threat of the extreme Right-wing in this country. A full page of the October issue was devoted to a laughably eccentric critique of some recent numbers of **Candour** (reproduced opposite). Perhaps the anonymous author is suffering from an attack of bats in his belfry - or dry-rot in his Gables! The headline certainly suggests a preoccupation with faeces rather than fasces. Nevertheless, some truths will out, even under **Searchlight**'s faulty beam!

The photograph of the Editor of **Candour** was taken in December 1985 by a couple of visiting hacks from the trendy lefty periodical, **Time Out**. Readers will recall we said at the time that their impeccable liberal credentials didn't deter the pair from willingly imbibing South African sherry in Forest House's drawing room! Well, anybody knowing Miss de Bounevialle as they do will have no doubt in guessing exactly what she was thinking in the situation. However... if you have any witty ideas of your own as to the thoughts flashing through Rosine's mind, win a £5 book token by jotting them down in a "thought-bubble" and sending it to us for publication.

The fertile imagination of the **Searchlight** crew surfaced again in the recent Channel Four hatchet job on the National Front, entitled 'Disciples of Chaos'. Over a photograph of the person concerned, a disembodied voice proclaimed, "Of all the N.F. leadership, Derek Holland has earned the strongest reputation for his fanatical beliefs." Then **Searchlight** mole, Ray Hill, appeared, declaring venomously, "Can you imagine in this day and age a man who argues - seriously means it - that the Spanish Inquisition was the Christian Church's last great effort to rid itself of the pernicious Jew and we're well overdue for another Inquisition?" Evidently, the Spanish Inquisition should be recognised as the 16th century "Holocaust", despite it having as many "survivors" as its 20th century counterpart!

Of course, all Catholics will know that the last throw of the Church was the stand taken by Pius IX and St. Pius X, who both managed to stave off liberal subversion for fifty years. And one thing to remember about the Inquisition - which is either not known about or it is forgotten or it is found expedient not to mention - is that the most "notorious" of all the Inqusitors General, Tomas de Torquemada, was of Jewish descent and a faithful good servant of the Church. What he was trying to do was persuade his co-racial Conversos to abide by their declarations of Catholicism instead of carrying their troubles back to their old theological tutors in the synagogue.

Those who are inclined to believe the mendacious claims made about the Inquisition are urged to secure a copy of W.T. Walsh's **Characters of the Inqusition** (available from Augustine Publishing Company, South View, Chulmleigh, Devon EX18 7HL). Therein they will discover that the Inqusition concerned itself with discovering heresy within the Church and not with "persecuting" non-believers outside her fold, whether Jew or Protestant; and that the heresies it sought to unveil and thereby to destroy were themselves politically seditious and posed a very real threat to the civil government and society as a whole. That was why the Faith remained an integral part of Spanish society for centuries after much of Europe was seduced by the Protestant Reformation.

IN LOO OF CHESTERTON

These are strange days. The forces of nature are trying to tell us something. Pay attention to the leaves at the bottom of the tea-cup. Watch the movement of the stars. *Candour* has been printed without a mention of A.K. Chesterton.

For the past thirty-five years or so, issue after issue of *Candour* has brought the Chesterton message to an increasingly geriatric readership. In the early days, it was Chesterton himself who would manage to find a monthly variation on the theme of Jewish conspiracy. *Candour* used to bring the bad news that it was the Jews who had destroyed the British empire. And Chesterton's elderly, and often colonial, readers, would sigh with the tragedy of it all.

There was a brief burst of excitement in the late ninety-sixties and early seventies, when Chesterton was put in charge in the newly formed National Front. The former big noise of Mosley's British Union of Fascists was back in the thick of things. But it wasn't like the old days. It was all a bit too vulgar for A.K.'s tastes. The new breed of fascist tended to scoop up the peas with the wrong side of the fork.

So off went Chesterton to devote himself to his monthly thoughts. And, shortly afterwards, off he went again, this time to a far, far better place. With the passing of its founder and guiding spirit, *Candour* seemed likely to pass to the great printing press in the sky. However, a new editor, Rosine de Bounevialle, emerged with the determination not to let the Chesterton message falter.

Candour then continued as a monthly museum to its founder. Each new issue tended to be filled with ever lengthier and more tedious reprints of earlier articles written by the great man himself. What A.K. said ten, twenty, thirty, even forty years ago had to be repeated each month. There would also be some new articles, in which the editor guessed 'what A.K. would have thought about Mrs Thatcher/Breakfast TV/Frank Bruno, if only he were still alive at this moment of peril'. Empty spaces would be filled by Ms Rosine's own brand of gooey pomposity, which combined anti-semitism with mystical Roman Catholicism.

Bargain basement

The back pages of *Candour* would still offer, at bargain prices, the printed works of the great man. But is seemed that the fascist equivalent of the National Trust had placed a red rope around A.K. Chesterton's study, with the great man's pen and pipe still upon his desk. And visitors would tip-toe round in reverence.

But June's issue of *Candour* has thrown away the red rope and swept the bric-a-brac off the desk. Not a dicky bird about the founder. Not even the advertised works on the back page. Just to show that this is no accident, the July/August issue repeats the revolutionary exercise.

So a brave new *Candour* launches itself upon the world. Throwing off the past, it addresses matters of the moment. In both issues, it devotes considerable space to the Glorious Revolution of 1688. No use rummaging through the uncollected works of A.K. on that one: he never knew what it was like to experience the tercentenary of that particular event.

The *Candour* line is that 1688 was a bad thing. A terrible thing. Absolutely hellish. Reverting to Capitals, *Candour* declares that most people do not know that "THE MOST LETHAL LEGACY OF THE *DISASTROUS* REVOLUTION ARE THE BANK OF ENGLAND AND THE NATIONAL DEBT".

In a lengthy piece on the subject, *Candour* informs its readers that King James II was the last proper king this country ever had. His genuinely royal posterior was shoved off the throne by "a compliant foreign usurper", who was controlled by the financial establishment (wink! wink!). Because James was a proper king, he "always had the support of his people, except on those occasions when vile propaganda had stirred them out of their balance".

Three hundred years on, it's just the same. The tiny little British National Party, to which *Candour* presently inclines, has the support of the whole British nation. Well, it would, except for the vile propaganda and the financial establishment (wink! wink!) which has stirred the rest of the country from its racial balance.

Vile bodies

However, matters are afoot to remedy all this. Instead of looking backwards to the good old days of A.K. and King James, *Candour* is spreading its message dramatically. June's issue urges readers to send financial support to a Mr Brian Holmes who received a fine for writing a single world on the wall of a London bank. The word? "Usurers" (wink! wink!).

In the July/August issue readers can buy their own stickers to affix to the walls of banks. "Hard-hitting British Action self-adhesive stickers" is how *Candour* describes them. Mr Holmes could have saved himself the bother of paints and brushes had he invested in such self-adhering conveniences. For three and a half pounds, he could have received no less two hundred and fifty labels with the legend which evaporates the vilest of vile propaganda: "British Action Says Usury Can Damage Your Wealth" (wink! wink! ha! ha!).

Sticking around

There were other labels with similarly snappy slogans. *Candour* even prints an anonymous testimonial for these stickers: "Yesterday I went on a stickering trip, tackling telephone boxes, post boxes, banks, metal wayside posts, bus shelters; I put the abortion ones on several 'family planning' clinics, the homo ones in men's lavatories and the lot on my contituency's party headquarers".

So once again things are happening. *Candour* readers are on the move. There's action from British Action. The banks are starting to get edgy now that they're being revealed as 'usurers'. Soon the active painters and adhering labelers will be able to use the more direct word which A.K. always preferred when describing banks (begins with a 'J' and rhymes with shoes).

However, there's no need to look backwards. Greater times than even A.K. knew are on their way. Confidence is *Candour's* new mood. Three centuries of vile propaganda are about to disappear. A new King James, or Queen Rosine, might well soon be anointed. It all depends on the gentlemen's lavatories and the metal wayside posts. Such is the grand march of history.

Rosine de Bounevialle in thoughtful mood.

WITH CANDOUR

MAGGIE came lately in '88
With sudden concern for the Nation-State,
And patriots British pipe-the-eye
"Thatcher, dear Thatcher, we're home and dry;
No Soviet Europe before bespoke,
The Treaty of Rome just a sickly joke."

Maggie, so weighty your pronouncement
That now you uphold Self-government,
Though once told of 'turn' you'd never make
See you stand on your head for old times sake;
A stance in a posture so askew
Albeit shows old-fashioned Tory-blue!

Maggie, how neatly the change of heart,
A rift-in-the-lute, the apple-cart
Upset - to say naught of the Euro-M.P.s
Waxing so fat on salaries
For building the mountains of butter and meat,
Wine lakes and treason's nice deceit.

Maggie come greatly - such is fate!
Who can have thrust such a change of gait?

B.E. BIGGS

THE TRULY UNIVERSAL FRANCHISE

TENS of thousands of mental cases in Canadian institutions can now vote as a result of a Federal Court ruling in October. Instructions have gone out to returning officers across the country on how the vote is to be taken in mental hospitals. Challenges to electoral law are now working their way through the court system on behalf of prison inmates, so soon they also will probably get the vote.

Thus Canada shows herself to be the most democratic (and dotty!) nation in the world - the talisman of human freedom. And soon, we hear, a leading Canadian government minister will be embarking on a missionary adventure into the heathen halls of darkest South Africa to bring them the gospel of the new truth of civilisation for their eternal salvation.

JIM KEEGSTRA'S HOME ATTACKED

EARLY one morning in late June someone doused the home of Canadian patriot James Keegstra with petrol and set fire to it. Luckily the family was woken by an explosion and escaped, but a great deal of damage was done. The local fire department described it as attempted murder, but so far no one has been charged.

We shouldn't be surprised in the least if this were a politically motivated attack, as Jim Keegstra has campaigned valiantly against Zionism and Communism. Arson attacks against opponents of the international conspiracy are not new, as the proprietors of the Historical Review Press in this country and the Institute for Historical Review in the States can testify.

Please send a few words of encouragement to the Keegstra family after the terrible attack on their lives and property. Write c/o P.O. Box 332, Eckville, Alberta T0M 0Xo, Canada.

SNAKE NO CHARMER

A BRIXTON man was fined £25 by Bow Street Magistrates' Court in October for causing an obstruction in Covent Garden as he performed a dance with his 13-feet-long python. The fellow chose the wrong time and place to carry out his performance. If he had been at Assisi with the Pope last year, we don't doubt he could have passed himself off as a respected religious leader!

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